



NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

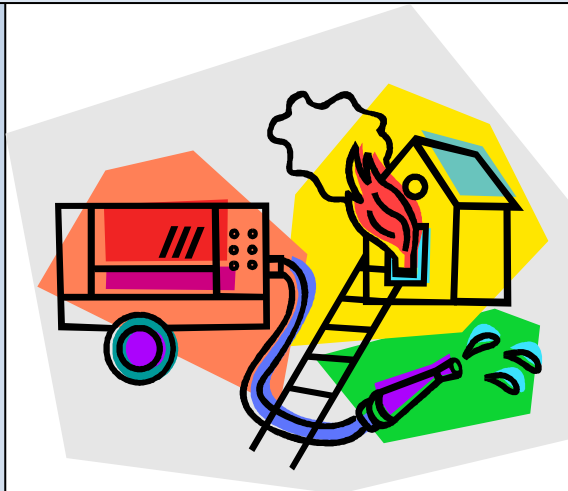
Preventing Accidents in the Home

Ovens, Microwaves and Ranges

- Always make sure the oven and stove top is clean. Residue, grease and food can catch fire.
- Keep pot handles turned inward, away from the edge of the stove.
- Don't wear long loose sleeves that can hang over the stove while cooking.
- The scald burn is the most common type of burn and can occur easily when using a microwave to heat liquids.
- An electric burner coil can reach a temperature of more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. This can ignite clothing and other flammable fabrics (towels, dish rags, and curtains) even after the coil has been turned off.
- An oven door can get hot enough to burn a child who might fall or lean against it, and children are often unable to let go before suffering a burn
- Vapors from contact cement, gasoline, cleaning fluids or other flammable liquids can be ignited by the pilot of the kitchen range.

Grease Fires

- If a grease fire erupts in a pan on top of the stove, quickly and carefully cover the pan with a lid or a larger pan.
- **NEVER USE WATER.**
- If the fire is in the oven, turn the controls off and close the door tightly, which will smother the flames.
- Have a portable fire extinguisher handy and know how to use it, also make sure it is charged at all times.
- If you suspect there may be fire still smoldering somewhere in the cabinets or the woodwork after such an experience, don't hesitate to call the fire department



Garage, Storage and Outdoors

- Store gasoline and other flammables in tight metal containers. Don't use flammable liquids near heat, a pilot light, or while smoking.
- Have heating equipment checked yearly.
- Replace blown fuses with one the correct size.
- Don't store things near the furnace or heater.
- Oily, greasy rags should be kept in labeled and sealed non-glass containers, preferably metal.
- Get rid of stored newspaper or other rubbish. Newspapers stored in a damp, warm place may ignite spontaneously.
- Keep all chemicals, paints, etc. in their original containers.
- Set your water heater at 130 degrees Fahrenheit.

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